courses at Secondary stage are also offered in Marathi, Gujarati and Telugu media in their respective States.

(f) and (g) If the State Government takes the initiative of setting up State Open School in Assam, necessary technical and academic support to impart education in Assamese language can be provided by the NOS.

Statement

State-wise distribution of Academic Accredited Institutions (Study Centres) of National Open School

Sl. No.	State	No. of Academic Accredited Institutions
1.	Andhra Pradesh	44
2.	Assam	7
3.	Bihar	18
4.	Gujarat	43
5.	Haryana	43
6.	Himachal Pradesh	32
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
8.	Karnataka	5
9.	Kerala	10
10.	Madhya Pradesh	17
11.	Maharashtra	87
12.	Manipur	8
13.	Meghalaya	9
14.	Nagaland	9
15.	Orissa	7
16.	Punjab	8
17.	Rajasthan	19
18.	Sikkim	6
19.	Tamil Nadu	9
20.	Tripura	—
21.	Uttar Pradesh	55
22.	West Bengal	83
23.	A & N Island	2
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	9
25.	Chandigarh	7
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—
27.	Delhi	112
28.	Goa	6
29.	Lakshadweep	—
30.	Mizoram	4
31.	Pondicherry	1
32.	APO	1
33.	Daman & Diu	1

Construction of Hostels in Delhi University by North-East Council

3458. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise disbursement of the amount for the construction of two hostels in Delhi University by North-East Council;

(b) the amount utilised so far and the amount of interest accrued on the unutilised money since the day of disbursement;

(c) the location and stage of construction of the hostels;

(d) the agency entrusted to execute and target fixed for completion of construction work; and

(e) the percentage of reservation for the students from the North-East region in terms of MoU signed?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, the North Eastern Council had disbursed grants of Rs. 6.00 lakhs in May, 1992 and Rs. 75.00 lakhs in May, 1994 for construction of two hostels. Out of these grants an expenditure of Rs. 4.63 lakhs has been incurred so far. The amount was deposited by the University in the current account and no interest was earned thereon.

(c) and (d) The tenders for construction of the Girls Hostel to be located at North Campus of the University invited by the University have been opened and are presently under scrutiny. In respect of the Boys Hostel to be constructed at South Campus of the

University, approval of the Delhi Urban Arts Commission is being obtained whereafter the tenders would be invited. The construction of the two hostels is expected to be completed within a period of three years from the date of finalisation of tenders.

(e) According to the Memorandum of Understanding agreed upon by the University and the North Eastern Council, 70% of the total seats created in these two hostels will be allocated for the students of North Eastern States taking admission to post-graduate courses in the University. However, in order to avoid segregation these seats will be distributed in other hostels of the University also.

Engineering Colleges in Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa

3459 SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of engineering colleges existing in Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa and how many new engineering colleges have been sanctioned in these States in the year 1997-98;

(b) whether there is any competent authority existing at the State level to monitor the facilities and performance of the institutions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The number of Engineering Colleges in the State of Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa and also those sanctioned in 1997-98 are as under:

Name of the State	No. of existing Engineering Colleges	No. of Engineering Colleges sanctioned in 1997-98
Bihar	12	Nil
West Bengal	14	Nil
Orissa	18	8

(b) to (d) The following Regional Committees of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) are concerned with monitoring of the performance of the Engineering Colleges in these States:

Name of the Regional Committee	Name of the State
Northern Regional Committee, Kanpur.	Bihar
Eastern Regional Committee, Calcutta.	West Bengal
Central Regional Committee, Bhopal.	Orissa

Refusal to issue certificate to minority Educational Institutions

3460. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that State Governments are refusing to issue certificates to the minority educational institutions, even after the institutions' fulfilling the conditions, as per the guidelines of Central Government; and

(b) whether the Supreme Court has issued stay order for issue of such certificates; if not, whether Government will issue instructions to issue certificates to minority institutions if they satisfy the conditions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The policy norms and principles for